

Appl. No. 10/652,022
IDS dated January 5, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 1217-031712

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/652,022 Confirmation No. 9663
Applicants : Tokio SHIBAZAKI et al.
Filed : August 29, 2003
Art Unit : 3721
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned
Docket No. : 1217-031712
Customer No. : 28289

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
TRANSMITTED BEFORE MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and a copy of each reference cited. Both references are cited on page 3 of the specification.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted before a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

WEBB ZIESENHEIM LOGSDON
ORKIN & HANSON, P.C.

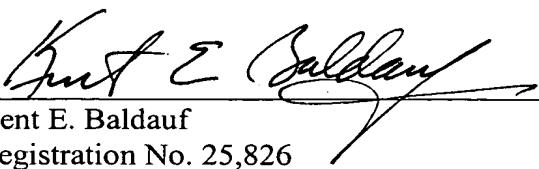
By

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 5, 2004.

Diane Paull
(Name of Person Mailing Document)

Signature

01/05/2004
Date


Kent E. Baldauf
Registration No. 25,826
Attorney for Applicants
700 Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1818
Telephone: 412-471-8815
Facsimile: 412-471-4094



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2001, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">(use as many sheets as necessary)</p>				Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/652,022				
Filing Date	August 29, 2003				
First Named Inventor	Tokio Shibasaki				
Group Art Unit	3721				
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned				
Attorney Docket Number	1217-031712				

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.
DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.